

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude All for Jesus Arr. by Gina Sprunger

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

* Call to Worship Elder Gary Boyd

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep.

He calls us by name, and we are his.

The Lord leads us to green pastures and still waters.

In Christ's death and resurrection, we have everything we need.

Let us worship God

*Hymn of Praise I Come with Joy. # 515

*Call to Confession Gary Boyd

Speaking for our loving God, the prophet Isaiah says: "Come now, and let us reason together. Even though your sins are as red as scarlet, I will make them as white as snow." Trusting in God's promise, let's confess our sin to God and each other.

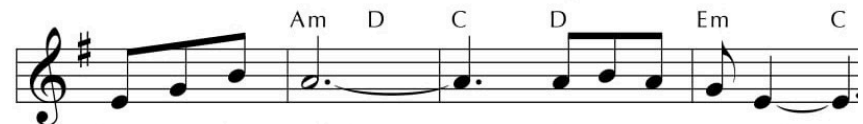
* Prayer of Confession Unison

Our gracious God, you are the Creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. Each day we have disobeyed you by the things we done or failed to do. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison



You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!



You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!



You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

The Lord knows our weaknesses and recognizes our failures. In his great mercy, God heals the brokenhearted and has compassion for all who open their hearts to him. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

* The Gloria Patri Unison

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end; Amen.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ Dr. Kling

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Dr. Kling

Prayer of Illumination Gary Boyd

Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ and serve our neighbors.

Guide us through your Word to live with love and grace. We pray this

In Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 60: 1-3 Gary Boyd

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Special Music I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Arr. by Larry Shackley

Second Reading Matthew 5: 13-16 Dr. Kling

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Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Light for the World" Dr. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Preparation For Everyone Born #769

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table Dr. Kling

The Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly choir in lifting up our thanks and prayers...

(Dr. Kling continues with the Communion Prayer)

*The Lord's Prayer Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution Dr. Kling

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Please hold each element until all have been served.

Prayer After Communion Dr. Kling

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory Faithful Arr. by Todd Beaney

*Doxology

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication Dr. Kling

*Prayer for the Pastor Nominating Committee Unison

"Our Loving God, look graciously on this Church. Please guide the minds of the PNC as they search for our next Pastor. Lead the search committee to a Pastor who will be a faithful partner in ministry. And prepare our next Pastor to care for this congregation as we share Christ's love with others. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen."

*Hymn of Sending Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #526

*Charge Dr. Kling

Wherever we go, God has sent us; Wherever we are, God has put us there; God has a purpose in our being there; there is something that God wants to do through us. Wherever we are!

*Benediction Dr. Kling

As God's people we all say,

Alleluia, Amen!

* Postlude Glorious Morning Arr. by Geoffery Andrews

**Stand if you are able*

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Doris Welch (Home)	Bonnie Chambers (Home)
Dean Steele	Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Susie Fogg (Home)	Stephen Toney (Home)
Sharon Massey	Jac Catlett
Rene Brown (Healing)	Diane Lynn (Health)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)	Gale Cottles (Healing)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)	Jan Ruth (Healing for eyes)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel - Army	Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines	Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard	Michael Ress - USAF -AZ
Joshua Hargrove - Deployed	Jay Tulley- Middle East
Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bob Defour (Doyle & Suzanne Weeks son-in-law)
Brent Harris (Friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
Gerry & Denzil Smith (Healing) cousin of Jan Ruth)
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
Bill Grisham (Health, Pam Gregg's dad)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Steven Smith (Healing cousin of Jan Ruth)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
John Cotten (Healing, Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Maggie Ruth Naves (Healing, great granddaughter of Hazel White)
Jessie Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Robert Jones (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother- in - law of Sean Harbin)
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)
Bonnie Key (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Cindy Newman (Healing, cousin of Chris Hilgeman)

Prayers for sympathy upon the Bumpus family the loss of Pam Bumpus, cousin of Michael Cottles

FOR OUR VISITORS:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshiping with us today!

The Session

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Courtney Greene	Karan Baker	Cindy Witt
Don Payne	Gary Boyd	Stephen Ware
Jerry Witt	Stanley Hand	Tom Clem
	<u>Trustees</u>	
Larry Burlingame	John Noel	Price Boyd
	<u>PNC</u>	
Hal Baker	Karla Barnes	Stanley Hand
Vicki Kellogg	John Noel (Chair)	Libby Shindorf

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Flowers

The flowers are given today in honor of Joyce and Duane Counter's Anniversary by Julie McNeese and Sharon Hand



Today's Services:

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Elder Gary Boyd

Musicians:

Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

June 9th-Ruth Whitten
June 16th-Suzanne Paysinger

Liturgist:

June 9th- Kristin King

Communion Prep:

July 2nd- Stephen Ware

Prayer Family

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2nd Sunday after Pentecost



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